

Isle Royale

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Isle Royale National Park
Houghton, Michigan



Join the Visitor and Resource Protection Team

If living and working on a remote roadless island surrounded by the largest freshwater lake in the world appeals to you, consider Isle Royale, a maritime wilderness National Park. The Division of Resource and Visitor Protection employs 10 commissioned park rangers and several general park rangers who live and work on the remote island in three visitor use areas: Mott Island, Rock Harbor, and Windigo. In addition the division also has three remote duty areas: Daisy Farm, Malone Bay, and Amygdaloid Island. Access is primarily by boat. Housing is good.

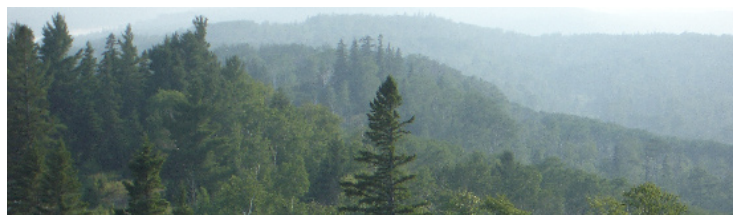
The park has exclusive jurisdiction. The large 45-mile long island with over 40 inland lakes is 99% designated wilderness and is surrounded by over 400 smaller islands and the clear waters of Lake Superior. The park boundary extends 4 ½ miles out in Lake Superior around the island. Visitor access to the island is by ferry, float plane, or private vessel. The primary support vessel for the park is the 165-ft Ranger III which makes two trips a week across Lake Superior. With all this water, Rangers boating skills become sharply honed. The Division rangers' have traditional ranger duties, including law enforcement, emergency medical, search and rescue (both land and water), structural and Wildland fire, SCUBA, Maritime vessel security, backcountry campsite maintenance, resource and cultural resource protection and stewardship, and commercial service compliance. Visitor and resource protection patrols are conducted by power boat with full navigational electronics, by canoe, kayak, and foot. Backcountry rangers do extensive overnight patrols.

The division works closely with the other divisions: Interpretation, Natural and Cultural Resources management, Administration, and Maintenance, and counts on their team work during emergencies, such as SAR, Wildland fire, and helicopter evacuations. The park has 36 campgrounds, 165 miles of trail, three developed areas of which one has full concession services including lodging, restaurant, camp store, marina, etc. The number of annual visitors is low, but the average stay is over 4 days. Common visitor activities include boating, fishing, sailing, backpacking, wreck diving, canoeing, sea kayaking, and enjoying wildlife and the natural sounds and scenic beauty. Moose, loon,

and fox are some of the most visible wildlife. The world's longest predator/prey study (wolf/moose) celebrates its 50th year in 2008. The division has an active sponsoring physician program and NREMT continuing education program and a 24/7 ROIP dispatch service. Protection rangers make up the majority of the six SCUBA dive team members.

Being a ranger at Isle Royale is an adventure that can be the highlight of your career. Opportunities for challenges and training both personally and professionally are abundant. Career development and training opportunities include

- Basic and Advance boating in a variety of sea conditions (fog, night, large waves, wind, etc.)
- Kayak Skills and Safety Training,
- Boating Patrol, water survival defensive tactics, SCUBA diving and dive tending
- NREMT continuing education and 24 hour refreshers
- Search and Rescue
- Wilderness patrol and LNT ethics
- Oil Spill Response Team
- Wildland Fire Team and interagency fire details
- National Incident management and SETT team assignments



Recreation opportunities in a natural world are a step out your door. Common activities are hiking, photography, paddling by canoe or kayak, boating, sailing, camping, or fishing the interior lakes or Lake Superior. Positions expected to be filled for the 2008 season: Two LE protection rangers, one of which has the collateral duty of managing the park's fire cache, and up to 3 general back-country rangers.